

May 2, 2008



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2nd Annual Science Fair
May 21st



Wednesday, May 21st, Medina Elementary will welcome students of ALL grade levels to participate in this fun and educational event. Medals will be awarded to all participants.

5-6:30pm K-2nd grades will be located down the 1st floor hallways
6-7:30pm 3-5th grades will be located in the gym

All projects are welcome! (Though acids, toxics and explosives are NOT allowed.)

A full concessions stand will offer pizza dinner for sale, along with water, Crayon drinks and desserts. Come have dinner with your family at Medina and stroll through to see the great science projects of our kids!

PLEASE! We are looking for donations of baked goods for the **desserts** to help cut down on our costs. We will be selling these treats to help cover our costs for the event. If you are interested in bringing a dessert of any sort (a plate of cookies, brownies, etc.), please contact Brooke Cordova at brookecordova@mindspring.com.

Resource books are available in the library. Registration forms are due to your teachers by Wednesday, May 7th. Join up with a partner, or go solo. Get creative and have fun!

Please check the Medina PTA website for all registration materials and additional information.

Any questions? Contact Marianne Mowat, Betty Nhan or Jeannine Rogel.



Parent Advisory and Action Committee Lives up to Its Name

The Bellevue School District Parent Advisory and Action Committee (PAAC), for parents of English Language Learners and Students of Color, has already helped implement a variety of programs this school year, despite the fact that it wasn't formed until December.

In January, PAAC parents helped carry out a College Planning Night for parents and guardians of African American 10th and 11th graders; in March the group supported Sammamish High with a Latino parent-student event that focused on providing tutoring for Seniors who had not passed the WASL; and in March Somerset Elementary School worked closely with PAAC members to present a program for Japanese-speaking parents on the district's literacy curriculum.

In the works are programs for Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese parents.

The culminating PAAC project is a multi-cultural event to help parents get their students registered in summer programs, including sports and other outdoor activities, formal summer school, and summer camps. This also provides an opportunity for parents to meet the PAAC.

Save the Date: Summer Opportunities for Children and Youth

Food, Childcare and Interpreters Provided

May 8, 2008, 6-8 PM, Interlake High School

Invitees include City of Bellevue Parks & Recreation, Bellevue Family YMCA, Bellevue Boys and Girls Club, Bellevue School District summer school, King County Library System, programs with volunteer opportunities for teens, and Washington State Business Week.

Program descriptions, registration forms and scholarship information will be available that night.

For more information, contact Ann Oxrieder, Assistant to the Superintendent, oxriedera@bsd405.org or 425 456-4000.



SPRING FOR SCHOOLS BENEFIT LUNCHEON IS FAST APPROACHING!

Save the date! Bellevue Schools Foundation **SPRING FOR SCHOOLS Benefit Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, June 5, 2008** at Meydenbauer Center. Parents, community members and business leaders gather to celebrate our success and support Bellevue schools and students.

Last year, over **\$480,000** were raised for schools from this event. While the luncheon is free, you will be given the opportunity to make a financial pledge of \$200 or more at the event. Every dollar raised at **SPRING FOR SCHOOLS** will provide our students with a world-class education, strengthening our schools and community. To attend, simply register online at www.bsfdn.org/register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, both adult & high school students are needed for the week of June 2 – 6, 2008. For further information, please contact Christena Coutsubos in the BSF office christena@bsfdn.org, 425.456.4199. Thank you!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY 5 – MAY 9, 2008

How about honoring your children's teacher in a slightly different way this year? Rather than stressing over what gift to buy, simply make a donation to BSF in honor of their teacher(s). Your gift in their name will help students and teachers all across the district. We'll even send a note to the teacher letting them know of your generosity.

To donate, simply go to the Bellevue Schools Foundation website, www.bsfdn.org/donate, or call our office at 425.456.4199.

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Simply go to the BSF website home page (www.bsfdn.org), click on the Amazon.com link, and BSF will receive over 7% of each sale. Remember, you must go through the BSF website link for us to get credit for the order. Thank you!

For further information on any of the above, please contact:

Gillian Doyle
Bellevue Schools Foundation
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email: gillian@bsfdn.org

Virtues Corner

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn...If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy...If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient...If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice...if they live with security, they learn to have faith.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves...if children live with acceptance, they learn to find love in the world.

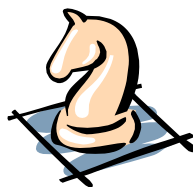
COMMUNITY KIDS UPDATE

We're still sharing our success with our Pennies for Penguins Drive. Woodland Park Zoo was very appreciative and has promised to send us a penguin to "adopt" for our school... it'll be fun to see the new Penguin House next year and know we had a part in it.

For this month, we'll be meeting Monday May 5 (***ALL ARE WELCOME!***) during lunch recess in the cafeteria to continue our efforts of this year in reaching a variety in our community. We will be making May Baskets to take home and give to our own neighbors. This is a great craft project and neighborhood tradition for all our students to participate in, with a beautiful bouquet to share that same afternoon with anyone you choose in your own community. We will also begin that day our June project to support Project Kesho. We want to support our world community with this drive to collect school supplies to send to Africa. We'll also finish out our last meeting on June 2 with a Community Kids Party! Look for more about this in future "Bytes".

Our Community Kids is such a great group of students, dedicated to serving others and having fun. They are establishing lifelong commitments to giving back -- **We encourage your student to join us!**

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Medina Chess Club competes at State Championships!

Thirty-two kids from the Medina Chess Club competed this past Saturday at the Washington State Chess Championships in Redmond, Washington. Medina had 34 kids qualified for the championships by winning at least 3 points out of 5 at any given chess tournament during the year. This is our largest group of qualified students ever!

Our team did exceedingly well and placed 13th overall for K-3rd and 16th overall for 4-6th grade. There were over 1,500 kids competing from well over 100 different schools in the state.

The following Medina students placed in the top 50 of their grade level:

William Lundgren, 5th grade, 13th place. *William placed highest of Medina kids in attendance!*

Jack Hilfinger, 5th grade, 45th place

Zachary Fleischman, 3rd grade, 17th place

Mayhul Arora, 3rd grade, 39th place

Nicholas Kim, 1st grade, 33rd place

Benjamin Tobin, Kindergarten, 21st place

Danny Lin, Kindergarten, 28th place

Randy Sun, Kindergarten, 29th place

Elena Thome, Kindergarten, 40th place

The other state participants included: Stephen Fleischman, Vinny Head, Samantha Song (Mathew Song also competed for us as a 6th grader at International), Augie Johnson, Ellen Kim, Kyle Hayes, Justin Li, Michael Park, Kaleb Thome, Ben Wu, Julia Dai, Ryan Sun, Katie Fleischman, Alistair Jones, Jonathan Wysong, Raini Bozarth, Kara Choi, Stephen Dai, Joey Kahn, Lucie Mowat, John Palevich and Cameron Yang. These kids really battled it out all day long and truly did an amazing job!

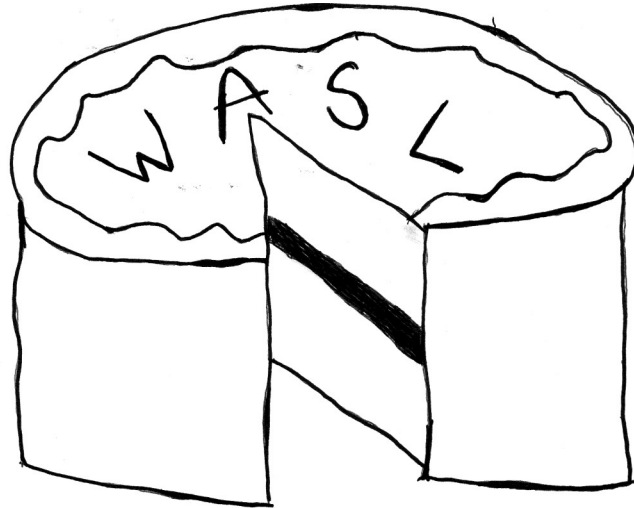
What a great way to cap off another successful year of chess at Medina with over 160 kids participating in chess club this year! We are so proud of all the kids in chess club and look forward to another great year next year!

Medina Chess Players Head to Nationals in Pittsburgh!

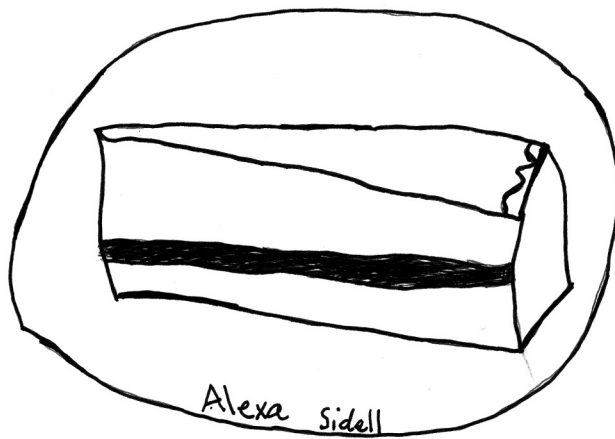
Five Medina chess players will be competing in Pittsburgh for the national championships during May 9-11th. William Lundgren, Stephen Fleischman, Zachary Fleischman, Augie Johnson and Alistair Jones, all previous participants at nationals, will be competing again this year in this 3-day event. GO Medina Tigers! These kids will be playing 7 games of chess over a 3-day period. ☺

Creative Kids Corner

Alexa Sidell of Mr. C's 4th grade class drew an awesome picture to celebrate completion of WASL testing! Thanks for *treating* us to your drawing, Alexa!



Piece of cake!





Dates to Remember...

May 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
May 10	Nike Kids 5K Fun Run
May 21	Medina Science Fair
June 2	Submission Deadline for June Tiger Bytes
June 5	Bellevue Schools Foundation Luncheon
June 13	Field Day



Tiger Bytes Submissions:

send to lindakbracken@msn.com

Medina PTA Website Submissions:

send to webmaster@medinapta.org

Go to www.medinapta.org for the online version of Tiger Bytes.